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## Battalion Interpretive

### 'Extensive' Poverty Problem Exists Within B-CS, County

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Total income in Brazos county is over \$98 million. Population of Bryan-College Station and Brazos County was 53,000 in 1967, and has been increasing by 50 per cent every 10 years.

Yet with all this prosperity, conditions of extensive poverty exist for 28.7 per cent of the population, whose annual income is less than \$3,000. In addition, there are 1,211 persons on old age assistance, 17 blind people receiving aid and 169 families receiving public assistance for dependent children.

On any leisure drive down San Jacinto Avenue in Bryan, one can see a large area of substandard housing.

ACCORDING to Harmon Bell, Bryan city commissioner, there are 1,270 houses in the Bryan-College Station area which are inadequate for habitation, 1,587 houses with no bathing facilities whatever, 1,981 outdoor toilets, and 1,237 of them serving two or more families.

"The biggest problem in the community is the housing situation for low income people," admitted Bryan Mayor Jack Zubik.

What is the city doing to alleviate this situation?

THE CITY has applied to the Federal Housing Authority for rent supplements for 200 units for poor families and is trying to help builders by lowering its building standards to make it less expensive to build low-cost houses, Zubik said.

The mayor doesn't believe zoning, which was turned down recently in a hotly-fought election, would have a direct effect "because it would pose more restrictions."

Bell had a different view. "Nothing is being done about low cost housing. This is the saddest situation that exists in this community. It has been talked to death," he said.

"WE'VE TRIED everything, but have not been able to get any help. They promised to get rent supplements for 200 units two or three years ago. I don't know what became of it. I haven't heard anything about it," Bell added.

Bell also agreed that it would help if the city lowered its standards.

"The cost of property and meeting city standards makes housing selling for \$7,000 to \$8,000 hard for builders to make a profit on," Bell said.

Negro credit is another problem which is aggravating the situation, Bell, who is the local NAACP president, said.

"An average Negro can finance a \$3,000 to \$4,000 automobile, but he can't buy a home in this community," he said.

LOW PAY is the main reason they cannot finance a home, Bell said, citing low city wages as an example.

Bell took from his desk several pay check stubs which had been attached to city payroll checks. One of the stubs belonged to a Negro who received \$241.19 for April 1969 while working full time.

"These people can't afford the \$15,000 houses which builders must build to make a profit," Bell asserted.

"If these things were looked into, something could be done. I don't have anyone to accuse for these conditions, but somebody's responsible," he added.

BRYAN CITY Manager Fred Sandlin admits that there is a shortage of low cost housing for sale and that the city hasn't come up with a plan, but he places the blame on other problems.

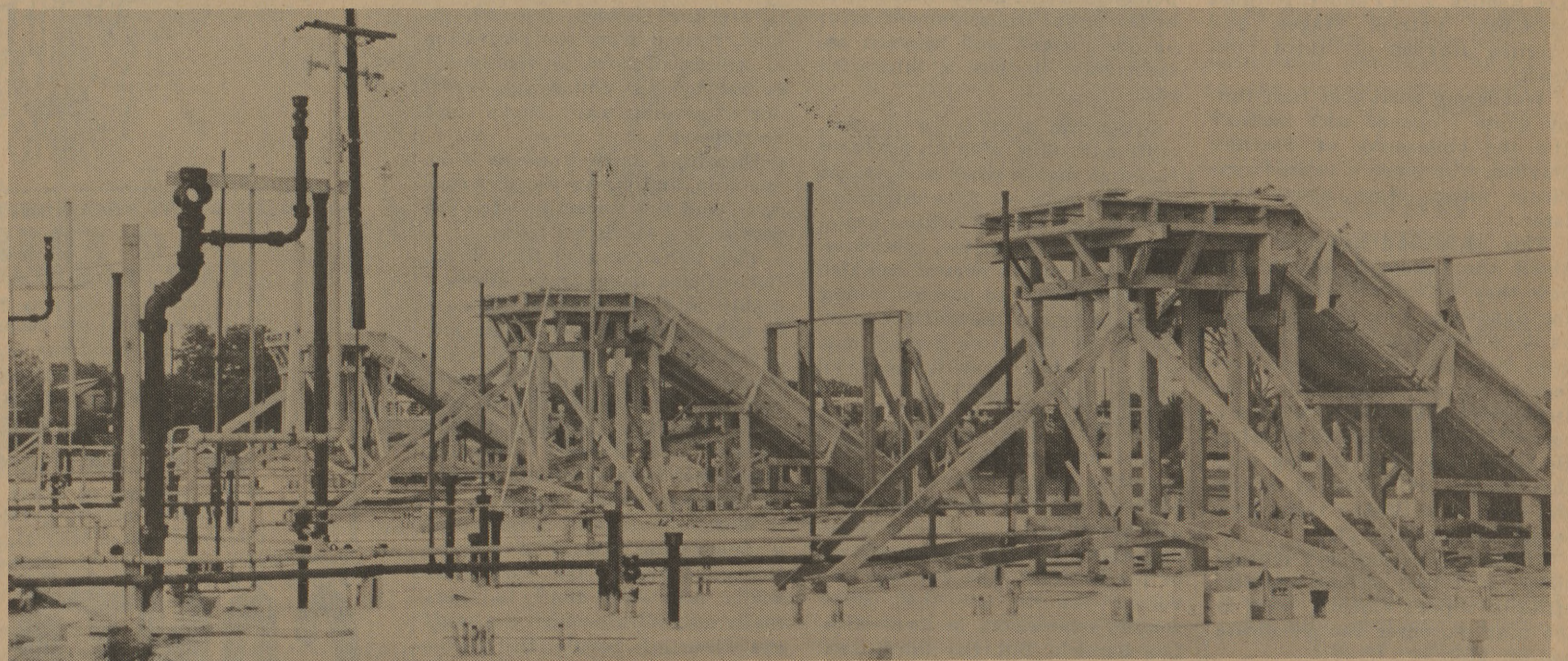
"Inflation has made it difficult to keep the budget balanced. The sales tax was a real life saver, but we need added revenue," Sandlin explained.

Keeping competent help is another problem, Sandlin said, noting that "the city has 40 jobs open at the present."

There are several county-administered poverty programs which are now helping poor people.

PROGRAMS provided by the Texas Department of Public Welfare are Old Age Assistance (OAA), Aid to Families with Dependent Children (AFDC), Aid to the Blind (AB) and Aid to the Permanently and Totally Disabled (APTD).

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**TAKING SHAPE**  
Plumbing and freshly poured concrete staircases rise above the foundation of a new apartment building under construction in the College View area. The unit is one of several being built by Temple Associates to replace older housing

in the area. The modern dwellings for married students are scheduled for completion by September. (Photo by Bob Stump)

### Caused By Boiler Failure

## Power Loss Darkens Campus

By DAVID MIDDLEBROOKE  
Battalion Managing Editor

Parts of the A&M campus were without electricity for about three hours late Monday night and early Tuesday morning due to a boiler breakdown at the A&M power plant.

At 10 p.m. Monday, explained W. E. Holland Jr., assistant director of the Physical Plant Department, automatic controls shut off the number nine boiler at the power plant. This boiler, he said, is the largest at the university and supplies about a third of the steam power needed to provide power and air-conditioning on campus.

WHEN THE boiler shut down, a 12.5 Kilowatt steam-operated generator, A&M's largest, also shut down.

"At first," Holland commented, "We thought that maybe the automatic controls had gone amiss, as things like that sometimes do."

Power was restored at 11:30 p.m., after preparations which

included re-firing the boiler were completed. A short while later, however, part of the tubing system in number nine boiler ruptured, causing a permanent shut-down of the boiler and its generator.

BOILERS seven and eight remained functional, and the university's two other generators—a 3,000 KW and a 5,000 KW—along with an old tie-in with Bryan's power system (3000 KW) were able to provide enough power to restore lighting to most of the campus, but not enough for full air-conditioning.

"Areas that required air-conditioning to operate, like the Data Processing Center and the Cyclotron, were not able to operate Tuesday," noted Holland.

Wednesday, he added, one of the university's eight chillers used for air conditioning was in operation.

A&M PERSONNEL, along with General Electric engineers, worked all day Tuesday to make

a larger tie-in between Bryan and A&M (20,000 KW capacity) under construction for some time, operational.

Power was off four or five times Tuesday, Holland explained, as engineers adjusted relays and transformers on the new tie-in and periodically switched the load from the old tie-in over to the new one to test the settings.

After the load on the new facility got so high, Holland said, the circuit would switch out, leaving parts of the campus without power until the old tie-in was reconnected.

"AT 9:30 Wednesday morning,

the DPC was able to operate, using its own air-conditioning units," Holland said. "By 5 Wednesday afternoon, the new tie-in was operational, and the campus had full power and air-conditioning facilities."

"If this were to happen again," he added, "no one on the campus would know it, since the new tie-in is working. If a problem develops, we can switch over to Bryan."

"Also, with this new connection, we'll be able to take equipment out of operation annually for maintenance work with no loss of power experienced," Holland concluded.

### SCONA Summer Fund Drive Seeks \$10,000 In Contributions

More than 25 students are setting their sights on six metropolitan areas with hopes of raising an additional \$10,000 for their fifteenth Student Conference on National Affairs (SCONA XV).

Committee members scored a victory over the Easter holidays, netting \$11,000 for a December 11-13 meeting. A \$9,000 goal has been set at that time, said Harry Lesser of Brenham, SCONA XV chairman.

Students will take next week's fund-raising campaign into Houston, Dallas - Fort Worth, Midland-Odessa, El Paso, San Antonio and Bryan-College Station.

The drives are part of an overall effort to raise a minimum of

\$21,000 which student leaders feel is necessary for a successful program next winter.

SCONA is the only student conference that depends solely on outside funds for support. The conference annually features outstanding personalities highlighting world issues.

He added fund drives will be made for the first time in the Midland-Odessa and Bryan-College Station areas.

A third drive will be held in Mexico City and Monterrey during August.

"Black Africa — the Dilemma of Development" is this year's topic.

A featured speaker will be Time magazine special editor John Scott.

### Stafford Named To Succeed Zinn As Next Associate Dean Of Students

Don R. Stafford, dean of students at Sul Ross State College, has been named associate dean of students, announced Dean James P. Hannigan.

Hannigan said Stafford's appointment will be effective July 15.

Stafford succeeds Bennie A. Zinn who retires Aug. 31.

Hannigan described Stafford as an alert, young man with many talents and abilities.

Stafford, 31, received his bachelor's degree in education from Abilene Christian College in 1959 and his master's degree in education in 1964 from Stephen F. Austin. He has completed course studies for a doctorate from Oklahoma State.

An avid sportsman, Stafford earned three track letters at Abilene. Hobbies include sports officiating.

He previously served as an assistant to the dean of men at Oklahoma State and at one time was a teacher and coach in the Longview schools.

Stafford is a member of Phi Delta Kappa, American Personnel and Guidance Association and

American College Personnel Association.

A native of Temple, Zinn served as director of student affairs prior to his present assignment in July, 1966. He retained his original title plus the added responsibility.

Zinn joined the A&M staff in 1945 after five years of active duty in the Army. He earned both bachelor's and master's degrees from A&M in 1926 and 1928.

As associate dean, he has coordinated dormitory counseling programs and assisted the dean's office in administrative work involving the University Hospital, Corps of Cadets, placement and student aid, Memorial Student Center, YMCA, housing and campus security.

Zinn is a member of the Texas Association of Student Personnel Administrators, Southwestern Association of Student Personnel Administrators and the Texas State Teachers Association.

He is a member of the A&M Methodist Church and Sul Ross Masonic Lodge.

### Nixon Challenges '69 Graduating Class

THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

TO THE 1969 GRADUATING CLASS  
TEXAS A AND M UNIVERSITY SYSTEM

Each generation, shaped by forces outside and within it, asks the question it must ask. Some generations, concerned with the building of a nation, ask "How?" Other generations, needing to set priorities for the future, ask "What?"

Your generation has asked "Why?"

As Americans we must together ask all of the big questions and seek to find answers. How we build a better America, what kind of nation we want, why we pursue certain goals instead of others -- these are not problems to be faced by one generation and ignored by another. All of us must face them.

A college education in the humanities and sciences teaches us that the real power to deal with these problems comes out of the human mind and the human heart. All power must be disciplined by trained intelligence and tempered by compassion.

Each of you is a center of power. Your professional or social or religious or political activity will determine the shape of the future of your nation and of the world.

The question asked by your generation -- Why? -- is one that must be answered not only by the quality of your rhetoric but by the quality of your lives. It was in your college years that we were first made aware of those "people talking without speaking, people hearing without listening."

What you have brought and will continue to bring to American life is not the sound of silence, but the sound of a generation which will work to ensure that, in the words of William Faulkner, "...man will not merely endure: he will prevail."

*Richard Nixon*

### Faculty To Select Tenure Committee

A&M faculty members are being asked this week to elect a five-member committee on Academic Freedom and Tenure, said Dr. Horace R. Byers, A&M academic vice-president.

Byers also announced the selection of eight professors to serve on the Faculty Advisory Committee.

The two committees are being set up in accordance with provisions of A&M's recently adopted statement on academic freedom, tenure, and responsibility. The statement follows the policy of the Coordinating Board, Texas College and University System.

BYERS explained that proposals for termination of tenured faculty would initially be presented to the advisory committee. It a mutually agreeable decision is not reached with that committee, the person involved may request a hearing before the tenure committee.

Faculty members have received ballots listing 16 professors who have been nominated for the tenure committee by their colleagues in the various colleges. Each faculty member will vote for five persons, Byers pointed out, with the five receiving the highest number of votes being elected.

VOTING results will be announced as soon as all ballots are tabulated, Byers said, noting that ballots must reach his office by 5 p.m. Monday.

Nominees for the Committee on Academic Freedom and Tenure are: Dr. Wilbourn E. Benton, political science; Dr. Charles L. Boyd, veterinary medicine and surgery; Dr. Leonard R. Burgess, management; Dr. Edwin B. Doran Jr., geography; Dr. Esko J. Dyksterhuis, range science; and Dr. Davis A. Fahlgvist, geophysics.

ALSO Dr. Howard L. Furr and Bob M. Gallaway, civil engineering; James R. Gardner, urban and regional planning; Dr. Herbert H. Lang, history; Dr. Rudolph E. Leighton, animal science; Dr. John Nuttall, physics; Dr. Kenneth R. Pierce, veterinary pathology; Melvin M. Rotsch, architect-

ture; Norman A. Stewart Jr., management, and Dr. Ralph A. Zingaro, chemistry.

Members of the Faculty Advisory Committee, selected by an advisory committee or the equivalent in each college are: Dr. Page W. Morgan, College of Agriculture; Richard Vrooman, College of Architecture; Dr. Russell A. Porter Jr., College of Business Administration; James H. Cadness, College of Engineering; William R. Bryant, College of Geoscience; Dr. Carroll D. Laverty, College of Liberal Arts; Dr. Charles E. Gates, College of Science, and Dr. James H. Denton, College of Veterinary Medicine.

### Four Ags Named As Top Alumni At Commencement

America's top highway administrator, the president of a major university and two prominent industrialists have been named "distinguished alumni" of Texas A&M.

The honorees are Francis C. Turner of Washington, D. C., federal highway administrator; William E. Morgan, president of Colorado State University at Fort Collins; Walter Claude (Maggie) McGee Jr. of Houston, chairman of Tennessee Gas Pipeline Co., and Edward Joseph Mosher, also of Houston, vice chairman of the board and chairman of the executive committee, Mosher Steel Co.

Jointly selected by the university and its Association of Former Students, the four were presented awards at commencement exercises Saturday.

"These awards do more than recognize these men of achievement," pointed out President Earl Rudder. "They present to the people of Texas and the nation evidence of the effectiveness of A&M's role in higher education."

### Registration Schedule Set For First Summer Session

Registration for the first six-week session of summer school at A&M will take place Monday from 8 a.m.-2:30 p.m. at Sbis Dining Hall, announced Robert A. Lacey, registrar.

Students whose last names begin with H, I, J, K, L, M, N, or O, Lacey noted, will register beginning at 8 a.m., while those whose last names begin with P-Z will begin at 9:30 a.m. Those with last names beginning with A-G will register starting at 1:30 that afternoon.

Lacey also said that students should first obtain card packets at the news stand near Sbis, fill in required information, and then enter Sbis through the east entrance and report to their academic departments.

Late registrants for the first session must enroll by 5 p.m. on June 5. The second six-week session will begin on July 14.

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